

In the Specification

Please amend the title as follows:

*IN VITRO* METHOD FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF CARDIOVASCULAR  
FUNCTIONALITY OF BONE MARROW PRECURSOR CELLS (BMPS) AND/OR  
BLOOD-DERIVED CIRCULATING PRECURSOR CELLS (BDPs)~~CIRCULATION~~  
~~PRECURSOR CELLS DERIVED FROM BLOOD (BDP)~~

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, above line 2 after the Title:

This application is a National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/EP2004/011503, filed October 13, 2004; which claims priority to German Application No. 10347 436.6, filed October 13, 2003.